

WANTS GLOUCESTER MEN.

To Man His Codfish Fleet in Pacific Waters.

William F. Robinson Will Send Here for Forty Fishermen.

Mr. William F. Robinson of the Robinson Fisheries Company of Anacortes, Washington, and who was on a business trip to his old home here a few weeks ago, has an interesting interview in the Seattle Times of January 3, in which he states that he is going to have 40 Gloucester fishermen to man his codfishing vessels the coming season.

"He declares that he finds it impossible to get competent fishermen on the Pacific coast and has sent to Gloucester, Mass., for a crew of 40 men. Mr. Robinson was born and raised in Gloucester, and followed the schooners to the cod banks of the North Atlantic for years. He comes of a family of fishermen and he says he can get the right kind of men back in the Bay state.

"When I first started to operate two fishing schooners to the Behring Sea cod banks," said Mr. Robinson, "I had to go to an employment office for my crew. Many of the men had never seen a fishing schooner before in their lives. The men make good wages and it is unfortunate that there are not enough first-class men in the line here on this coast. I have an agent in Gloucester who has written me that he is securing a crew of forty men who will come out here for the ensuing season. These are men who have handled codfish all their lives, you might say, and who know the business from the ground up.

"You will find the Behring Sea cod steadily occupying the markets of the east with larger sales every year. We are today curing this fish and shipping it to every state in the country and even to Gloucester, the headquarters for the great codfishing fleets of the North Atlantic. The banks in that country are being depleted from overfishing and the industry on the North Pacific coast will thereby be the gainer."

AS USUAL.

Foss Digs at Lodge, Gardner and Gloucester.

Engene N. Foss is talking again and as usual the burden of his song is reciprocity, with a generous number of digs on the side at Senator Lodge, Congressman Gardner and Gloucester. The New England Foundrymen's Association listened to him at Boston last night. After blaming the senator for the loss of reciprocity with Cuba, he said:

"Then, the Hay-Bond treaty. We all know how Senator Lodge backed and filled on this important matter. The practical rejection of the treaty has had the effect of turning Newfoundland's friendship into active hostility and seriously injuring American fisheries.

"The fishing interest of Gloucester, for whom the senator and his son-in-law were so solicitous, has been the hardest hit.

"The only question is, what are we to expect from Senator Lodge and his son-in-law? Judging from the senator's record, we have little to expect from him."

Mr. Foss then recounted Senator Lodge's votes on tariff revision and reciprocity questions in the senate and concluded as follows:

"It is well understood that Sec. Root is engaged in negotiating a new reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland. Will the senator try to banco Sec. Root as he did 'banco' the lamented Hay?

"The situation is up to Senator Lodge and his son-in-law. The rest of the delegation in congress from Massachusetts are doing all possible to secure immediate tariff revision demanded by the people of the commonwealth, as voiced by Congressman Lawrence and Gillett. Will Lodge and Gardner hold back as they have been doing? Will they thwart the effort of the other representatives of our state? Let us hear from them."

BAD WEATHER AT SEA.

Incoming Fishing Vessels All Make Same Report.

Two Big Can Buys Sighted Adrift in the Gully.

The fishing fleet which arrived here and at Boston yesterday all report a long spell of bad weather. All the vessels at T wharf were iced up. They were from the southwest part of Georges and had small trips. Most of them had been out two weeks and in that time were able to make only two or three sets.

One of the fleet, sch. Roter and Arthur, was coated with ice and Capt. Anderson reported being struck by a heavy sea off Highland light, on the homeward passage. Two of the crew were caught by the wave and washed into the lee scuppers. Fortunately they escaped being washed overboard and were not hurt. This morning, sch. Illinois is at T wharf with her gurry kids gone and Capt. Lowry reports very bad weather on Georges.

To the eastward, the vessels have also had bad weather. Capt. Daniel McDonald of sch. Squanto, which arrived here yesterday, reports one of the roughest trips in all his experience. The weather on Quero and in the Gully, where the vessel was fishing, was warm, the same as it has been ashore, but it blowed almost steadily and so hard that the dories could not be put out for a set.

Just how bad it was can be realized when Capt. McDonald says that he only had one set of the trawls in 21 days and that one was a double banked set.

The captain was also of the opinion that here had been quite a heavy breeze in on the land somewhere, for they sighted two big can buoys in the Gully that had broken away from their stations probably on the Nova Scotia coast. Both were black buoys and flat on top. One had a cage around it and was marked "Southeast Breaker." They were seen in latitude 44 north, longitude 59 west.

GULF ICE

SIGHTED.

Vessels Prepare To Leave Bay of Islands Quickly.

ICE PACK IS OFF BONNE BAY.

Many Vessels Sailed for Home Wednesday and Yesterday.

The gulf ice has made its appearance very near to Bay of Islands, and vessels that stay there from now on will do so at the risk of being frozen in.

Two despatches were received here yesterday by Cunningham & Thompson and Orlando Merchant, both to the effect that the ice was down off Bonne Bay. As this place is only a few miles to the northward of Bay of Islands, it will probably be a very short time before it strikes down and blocks that place, and then proceeds on its journey to the southward and filling the gulf with ice.

The despatches also stated that schs. Avalon, Henry M. Stanley and Richard Wainwright were loaded and would sail right away, also that schs. Arkona and Ingomar sailed the day before with cargoes and that sch. Aloha was loaded and was leaving yesterday.

It is believed here that about all the fleet have loaded, and if they have not, it is felt that this season they will sail with what they have, rather than stay there a few days and take the chances of being frozen in, as has been the case with some vessels for the past three winters.

The two places are connected by telegraph, and thus the news of the appearance of the ice at the former place was learned at the latter bay in ample time to give the vessels there a chance to get underway and sail for home.

Among the other vessels now on the way home or about ready to sail with cargoes are schs. A. M. Nicholson, Norma, Dauntless, British sch. Latooka, British sch. Willie C., British sch. Coronation, schs. Robin Hood, George Parker, A. E. Whyland, W. E. Morrissey and British sch. Mariner. Most of the fleet which is to arrive will bring frozen herring, although a few whole loads of salt herring are heard of, while some have part salt and part frozen. It is estimated the salt herring to come would amount to about six or seven full cargoes.

NEARLY KILLED BY SHARK.

Portland Fisherman Has Terrible Fight with Big Man-Eater.

When the Portland fishing sch. Moses B. Linscott Capt. L. J. Miller, arrived at that port yesterday afternoon she brought a badly bruised up sailor, and a monster man-eating shark which he had killed after a desperate 15-minute battle off Tanter Bank Wednesday morning.

This is one of the few cases of a man-eating shark having ever been taken in these waters. The big fish weighed 675 pounds and measured seven feet, four inches.

The hero of the conflict, E. H. Miller, a brother of the captain, was pulling trawls in a small dory about 500 yards from the schooner, when he pulled the trawl to the surface, wondering at its weight, and saw the big shark lying in it. The fish was quiet until he saw the dory, and in an instant he made a rush for it.

"When I saw that terrible wide open mouth and four great rows of teeth my nerve left me," said Miller. "But I picked up a big oar to defend myself with. The shark's leaps carried him away out of the water, and when he struck the dory I had all I could do to keep from being thrown out and into the water.

"The second jump came near seeing the end of me for the big fish made such a leap that he threw himself right across the bow and carried her gunwale under water, at the same time hitting me a terrific blow with his tail that dazed me.

"On a third jump, by a lucky blow with my oar over the back of his neck I stunned him. Another boat came to my rescue just then and together we finished him."

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dictator, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.75

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt eusk, \$2.50.

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Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.
Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.
Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.
Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Dixie, 500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Venus, 500 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Meris H. Perry, 1500 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Almeida, 10,000 cod.
Sch. John M. Keen, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Rob Roy, 25,000 haddock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 35,000 haddock.
Sch. Annie Perry, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Viking, 1800 haddock, 700 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. William A. Morse, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Gertrude, 32,000 haddock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 5000 haddock, 5000 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Onato, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Nokomis, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Pythian.
Sch. Seconnett, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. George H. Lubee.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 8000 haddock.
Haddock, \$2. to \$2.75; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2. to \$2.50; hake, \$2. to \$4.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt arrived at Canso on Tuesday.

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Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Kernwood, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. William H. Cross, via Boston.
Sch. Elsie K. Rowe, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 15,000 haddock.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Smuggler, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 18,000 cusk.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Genesta, 3400 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Raynah, 30,000 haddock.
Sch. Latona, 30,000 haddock.
Sch. Conqueror, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Flirt, 35,000 haddock.
Sch. Juno, 18,000 haddock.
Sch. Alice M. Gutbrie, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Pythian, 6000 haddock, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Viola, 5000 cod.
Sch. Shepherd King, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mobween, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.25 and \$2 to \$2.25; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$1.60 to \$2.25; hake, \$2.25 to \$5; pollock, \$3.

**ALL SAILED
FOR HOME.**

Private Despatches Confirmed by Press Despatch.

HERRING SEASON NOW OVER.

Sch. Arabia and Cutter Fiona the Last To Leave.

The private despatches received here Thursday, and published exclusively in the Times of yesterday, regarding the approach of the Gulf ice in the near vicinity of Bay of Islands, is confirmed today by the following despatch from St. John's, N. F.:

"Winter herring fishing on the west coast closed today. The American schooner Arabia, the last of the Gloucester fleet, and the colonial cutter Fiona both sailed south, fearing that the Arctic ice lies now driving along the coast might blockade them there until spring. Ten American vessels, partly laden with salted and frozen herring, sailed the past week."

Herring Notes.

The British sch. Viking arrived here this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring. The vessel is chartered by Gardner & Parsons and came home in charge of Capt. William Kelly.

HERRING NEWS.

One Salt Cargo Arrived Here Saturday Night.

Fishery Now Over at Bay of Islands for Season.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, arrived Saturday night from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full fare of salt herring, the cabin also being full of frozen herring. The vessel is very deep, but made a fine passage, being only seven days coming home.

Capt. John J. Carroll has arrived home from Bay of Islands, N. F., where he has secured a load of frozen herring in sch. Mariner. The craft was at Halifax Friday last and was to leave there for here on Saturday last.

When beating out of Middle Arm on Wednesday the Lunenburg sch. Iyla D. Young collided with the cutter Fiona, carrying away the latter's bowsprit and figurehead. A boat was sent after the Lunenburg captain, and after giving bonds for \$200, he was allowed to proceed on his voyage.

The British sch. Willis C., from Bay of Islands, N. F., for this port, with frozen herring, was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday and cleared.

The Western Star of Bay of Islands, N. F., of last Wednesday says:

"This week will likely see the end of this season's herring fishery, so far as the Americans are concerned. Of late the fish have been fairly plentiful in parts of Middle Arm, and some of the scaffolds have been kept full nearly all the time. In North Arm the fishery was not prosecuted to any great extent, but of late there has been an abundance of herring there.

The last week of the old year one dory made \$100 and another dory \$200 from their sales. Frozen herring realized from 70 to 90 cents per 100 this fall, and some of our men have made excellent wages from the frozen voyage.

"The frost last week froze over Goose and Penguin Arms, and a great many nets were underneath the ice, but the Fiona cut it up and enabled the fishermen to get their property.

"During the past week the following vessels sailed with cargoes, six of them going to American ports: Schs. Atalanta, Nourmahal, A. M. Nicholson, Willis C., Viking, Mariner, L. D. Young and Douglas Adams. Most all the vessels now in the bay are pretty well fished, and will likely get their full fares this week and get clear before the northern ice blocks the gulf.

"The latest advices from Middle Arm state that herring are very plentiful in that Arm, and that there are enough on the scaffolds to load all vessels there."

No Intention of Stopping Modus Vivendi.

An Ottawa dispatch says: "There is a feeling in some quarters that the Canadian government should stop granting fishing licenses to United States vessels. At the forestry banquet Byron Walker of Toronto said the Dominion should prevent the United States from pillaging our fisheries. It is learned in official circles, however, that there is no intention to interfere with the existing state of affairs."